

REMARKS

In response to the Official Action dated February 6, 2007, Applicant hereby elects Species A, claims 1-17, with traverse.

Applicant submits that the election requirement does not comply with the Manual of Patent Examining Procedure. Specifically, the election requirement does not explain why there would be a serious burden on the Examiner if restriction is not required. See sections 808 and 808.02 of the Manual of Patent Examining Procedure.

Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the election of species requirement.

In the event that there are any questions concerning this response, or the application in general, the Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned attorney so that prosecution of the application may be expedited.

Respectfully submitted,

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